

LIFE & TIMES

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On Post

Hunter Learning Center

Hunter Learning Center, Room 22, Bldg. 1290 is now open at night.

The new hours for student computer use are:

Monday – Thursday 4 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday – 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 1900

Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

There are 16 computers available with internet access. The computers can be used to brush up on your basic skills or study for CLEP tests, the SAT and other exams. Monday to Friday an academic facilitator can assist you with research, assignments and test preparation.

Army One Source

Telephone counseling service is available for personal support and referrals to military and community resources.

For more information visit <http://www.army-onesource.com>. User ID Army password is "Onesource" or call 1-800-464-8107.

Bible Study

Two Protestant bible studies are being offered to Soldiers and family members at Fort Stewart.

The Working Women Bible for Protestant Women of the Chapel will be held Wednesdays 7 to 8 p.m. at Marne Chapel.

The bible study is geared for working wives or Soldiers. Come and join the fun. The Protestant women of the Chapel will meet Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Vale Chapel

Every Tuesday deepen your relationship with the Lord while enjoying fellowship with other wives.

Free baby layettes

Families who have had children since being deployed to Iraq, or have had them since their return, are eligible to receive a free layette offered by Spencer's Children's Clothing Company, Inc.

For specific guidelines and applications, contact the American Red Cross office at 767-2197.

Home Business

Military spouses and retirees are needed as childcare providers in counties surrounding Fort Stewart and Hunter. If you like children, why not start your small business. Free training and assistance provided.

Managed Deer Hunt

Outdoor recreation is offering a managed Deer hunt on post. All people interested in participating must have a valid Post permit and state license.

The event is open to all active duty Soldiers and those National Guard Reservists that are

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-9366. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Going for the gold ...

Stewart commissary display wins first place in worldwide contest



Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft

Corina Hollingsworth, military customer development representative for Procter & Gamble, awards the Procter & Gamble Special Olympics Worldwide DeCA Display Contest Grand Prize to Don Snelsire, Stewart commissary store director, on behalf of his store. The award is given to the store with the most sales of the display product, and was presented Dec. 16 at the commissary.

Santa spreads holiday cheer in desert

Lt. Col. Susan H Meisner

Army News Service

KABUL, Afghanistan — Santa's not riding a sleigh, but he has been bringing cheer throughout the Central Command theater.

Santa and his assistant, a military chaplain, began their rounds before Thanksgiving, visiting sites in Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar and Afghanistan, including Bagram Air Base. This week they were in Kabul, and then on to Kandahar.

In Kabul, Santa posed for pictures in the dining facility, the post exchange, the bazaar — anywhere there was someone who wanted to pose with him.

Santa made the rounds accompanied by an elf handy with a camera, Chaplain (Maj.) Paul Rodgers.

Rodgers and Santa — aka Joseph (Mike) Lord —

began planning their journey more than 10 months ago. Rodgers, command chaplain for the 160th Signal Brigade, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, and Lord, a telecommunications specialist for a subordinate unit, the 54th Signal Battalion, were here on a business mission.

"My official function," said Lord, "is to review forward-deployed technical control facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan." Santa time is a sideline.

Although the idea was Lord's, Col. John Wilcox, commander of the 160th Signal Brigade, supported the trip. It wouldn't have happened without him, said Lord.

Virtually everyone smiles for Santa.

"To see people with smiles on their faces and have them say what a nice reminder of home and the season this is," said

Rodger, "makes the trip worthwhile. A Soldier came up to us in the dining facility and said 'Santa, thank you for what you're doing for us.' It brought a tear to Santa's eye."

Chief of the Office of Military Cooperation — Afghanistan Air Force Maj. Gen. Craig Weston did not miss out on the opportunity to pose with Santa. Said Weston, "I was pleased to find out what I heard was true — Santa spreads goodwill throughout the world and hasn't forgotten our troops in Afghanistan."

Santa, who hails from Atlanta, Ga., is a government contractor with Anteon. His flowing white hair and beard are home-grown (and regularly tested by Soldiers). This is his fourth year as a "professional" Santa.

"It's been great," said Lord. "At Bagram, we had coalition soldiers — Polish,



Maj. Paul Rodgers

Santa and his helpers deliver the mail on Kabul Compound in Afghanistan over the holidays.

Korean, Romanian, Egyptian, Japanese, German, French — all receptive to and happy to see us. The Afghans wanted to take pictures with us, too."

But Santa and his helper said they are well aware of the big picture. "We know what we're fighting for," said Lord. "People put their

lives on the line every day, and what you're working for is that family back home."

"If we can put a smile on someone's face," said Rodgers, "It's all worth it." "And it doesn't mean you don't care when you're smiling," said Lord. "When you're smiling, you do care and that's why we're here."

Entertainers bring 'Hope and Freedom' to desert



Staff Sgt. Reeba Critser

Darryl Worley, country music artist, performs his music for service members at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Worley is part of the entertainers performing in the Sergeant Major of the Army Hope and Freedom Tour in theater.

Staff Sgt. Reeba Critser

Army News Service

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — Although the desert temperature isn't as hot as in the summer, USO entertainers are still heating things up for service members in theater.

Darryl Worley, Mark Wills, Karri Turner, Al Franken and the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" received cheers from service members in Kuwait. Then they moved north to perform in Iraq and next Afghanistan with the "2004 Hope and Freedom Tour" hosted by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston.

"We're getting a very positive reaction from the Soldiers during this tour," Preston said. "This group is really sincere because they express the utmost appreciation for how Americans feel about Soldiers and the mission they accomplish daily."

The six-foot, six-inch country singer Worley is well known for his song "Have You Forgotten?" which was inspired from a previous visit to

service members in Afghanistan. This is his third trip to perform for service members in theater. He recently returned from performing USO shows in Japan and Korea.

"By the end of the year, I'm ready to do something that's strictly from the heart and a chance to give something back to the people who give so much to us," Worley said. "Tensions are high because of things we see on TV and the present conditions in Iraq. That's the time the men and women need us the most and we need to be there for them."

His most recent single is "Awful, Beautiful Life." From Tennessee, Worley was first a research biologist before he pursued songwriting full-time. At age 35, his career took off with "When You Need My Love," "A Good Day to Run" and "Second Wind."

"I have a grand opportunity from the stage to bring the message from all the people back in the United States to the Soldiers," Worley said. "Sometimes we forget to do that.

This year I'd like to concentrate on that message from home — how people are supportive and believe in the cause and pray for their safety."

In his second USO tour into theater, 30-year-old country singer Wills' recent single is "19 Something."

"We're going to take their mind off of being in the war zone for a couple of hours and bring them a little piece of home," he said.

At age 18, Wills was playing cover songs in bars. By age 23, his first single "Jacob's Ladder" went up the charts. "Places I've Never Seen," "Wish You Were Here," "She's In Love," "I Do (Cherish You)," and "Don't Laugh At Me" followed suit quickly.

"We want them (service members) to know that we're there for them. We wouldn't get on a plane to fly 10,000 miles from home to not entertain them," Wills said. "We support them; we love them; we pray for them"

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Santa pays visit to local middle school

Lenardo Youmans

DPW Contract Engineer

The Directorate of Public Works Engineering Motivational Speakers of Fort Stewart continued their tradition of being a credit to the community by visiting Lewis Frasier Middle School Dec. 16 to speak to seventh- and eighth-graders about becoming respectable individuals.

The theme and main reason for the visit was to make a positive influence on the local youth and bestow upon them real-life examples of success.

Speakers who gave testimonials of their lives included Richard Fowler, Jim Thomas, Laura Putnam, and David Balles, all from the DPW.

The speakers spoke to the students about how they dedicated themselves to reaching their goals, and they also encouraged the students to set their own goals, strive to reach those goals in spite of obstacles, and become high achievers

in life.

The students were also enlightened on the fact that they need to make positive impacts on their community because they are the future.

Balles gave an emotional account of a true story about 10-month-old twin babies who drowned when their mother's car was swept away by flood waters in upstate New York. The mother escaped, but was unable to get the babies out of the car.

The moral of the story was to get the kids to realize that they are blessed with the opportunity to be alive, cherish life, and make the most of that opportunity.

In addition to bringing positive words of encouragement and enrichment, DPW also delivered Christmas presents to the children.

Two of the children, Joe Szafransk and Pecola Pigatt, received bicycles as a reward for their exceptional academic excellence.

Another, Christopher Jackson, received an autographed baseball bat from Major League Baseball's all-time homerun leader, Hank Aaron.

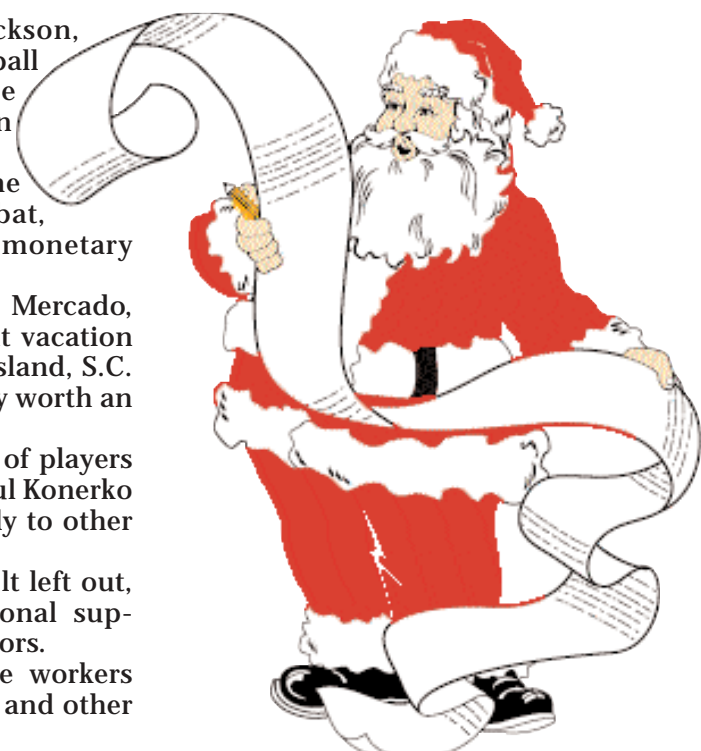
Jackson promised that he would never ever sell the bat, worth about \$450, for any monetary amount.

Yet another student, Crystal Mercado, received a three-day, two-night vacation to a beach home on Hunting Island, S.C. The mini-vacation is reportedly worth an estimated \$750.

Autographed baseball cards of players such as Johnny Damon and Paul Konerko were also handed out randomly to other students.

To make sure that no one felt left out, all students received educational supplies such as pens and calculators.

Teachers and administrative workers were also given office supplies and other gifts.



Happy birthday, New Year's babies!



Photos by Laurie Kemp

(Above) Pfc. Taleitha Osley, B Company, 3rd Soldier Support Battalion, and Sergio Guifarro hold their daughter Alana Estrella Guifarro. Alana, 6 lbs, 13 oz, was the first baby of the new year at Winn Army Community Hospital born Saturday at 7:53 a.m. Osley wasn't expecting Alana until Jan. 29 but said she was ecstatic she arrived early.

(Right) Spc. Mark Martinez, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, and wife April hold their son Jace Anthony Martinez. Jace, 6 lbs, 15 oz., was due Dec. 31 but held out until 8:22 a.m. Saturday to be the second baby of the new year born at Winn.



Hunter thanks local group for holiday good deeds



Steve Hart

Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter garrison commander, presents a certificate of appreciation to the Savannah Board of Realtors on Dec. 22 to thank them for their "Adopt a Military Family Program" that provided gifts to 32 military families during the holidays.

"This was just a small way the Savannah Board of Realtors can say 'thank you' to the men and women serving their country in the Armed Services during a time that our nation is at war", said Latrelle Pevey, SBR president. "Our troops are making tremendous sacrifices so that Americans can enjoy the freedoms we have. If we feel privileged to be able to touch the lives of 32 of our heroes and their families this holiday season."

Entertainers

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everyday. We're their families and we can't wait until they come home."

No stranger to military life is actress Karri Turner. Although she never served in the military, she plays a naval officer in the CBS TV show JAG as Lt. Harriet Sims.

"You can see and feel the difference our visits make," she said. "It's palatable to do something that feels that good and it becomes an addiction."

This is Turner's fourth USO tour and she also visits Army posts and Soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"Everyday in America is Christmas," she said. "So to spend it with these Soldiers who don't have their families and are in a yucky situation is fulfilling."

During the tour, Turner will celebrate a birthday and she said there is no place she'd rather be

than with service members.

"No one is forgotten at home," Turner said. "We appreciate the fact they're in hell so we can be free at home. History will prove they made a big difference and changed the world."

Franken, a former Saturday Night Live star, is performing in his fifth USO tour in theater.

"I didn't serve in the military so this is my way of serving — telling a few jokes and quickly leaving," he

said.

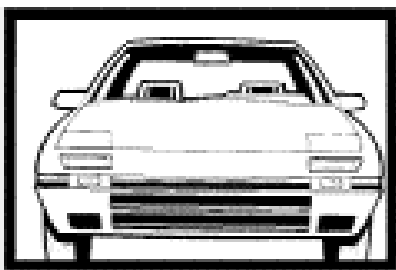
Franken's resume includes a Harvard degree and being an Emmy award-winning television writer and producer, Grammy-winning comedian, radio host and best-selling author.

"I get an incredible feeling of satisfaction and humility from the reaction of the Soldier, especially when I talk one-on-one..." he said.

The element that brings the four entertainers together is the Army

Band. With four singers, eight instrumentalists and five technicians, they not only perform their show, they also serve as backups for the entertainers and set up the stage area.

In their third trip to theater, these Soldiers are performing Motown, salsa, R&B, pop, rock, jazz and country for service members. Joining the group later in the tour will be WWE Wrestler John "Bradshaw" Layfield.



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TRICARE Prime newborn coverage changes

Laurie Kemp
Winn Army Community Hospital PAO

Parents who want to enroll their newborns into TRICARE Prime now have 60 days from the date of birth to accomplish this.

The policy change went into effect Saturday. Prior to Jan. 1, parents had 120 days to enroll their newborns.

Any child not enrolled within the 60-day window will automatically be covered under TRICARE Standard. However, parents will be responsible for paying deductibles and copays for civilian care received under Standard coverage beginning the 61st day.

Before the child can be enrolled in TRICARE, he must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS.

Military and civilian hospitals will send a Confirmation of Birth letter to the par-

ents. To enroll in DEERS, take this letter to the ID Card Section. If the sponsor is deployed, a general power of attorney along with Confirmation of Birth letter is needed to enroll the child in DEERS. At Fort Stewart, the ID Card Section is in building 253 and at Hunter Army Airfield it is in building 1209.

Once enrolled in DEERS, parents must contact TRICARE to complete a Prime enrollment form. Enrollment forms are available in person and online.

TRICARE representatives for Stewart are located in the TRICARE Service Center in Hinesville at 740 General Stewart Way, Suite 109.

At Hunter, the TRICARE representative is located in Tuttle Army Health Clinic.

For more information or an enrollment form, visit TRICARE at www.humana-military.com or call the ID Card Section at 767-4909 at Stewart and 352-5726 at Hunter.

— CHAPLAIN’S CORNER —

On being heroes

Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas C. Waynick
24th CSG Group Chaplain

Every year on Nov. 1 the Christian Church celebrates All Saints’ Day. It takes time to remember all the saints and heroes of the church who have gone before us. Heroes are important to the church, as they are to any social organization. Their lives inspire, motivate and encourage us on our journeys through life.

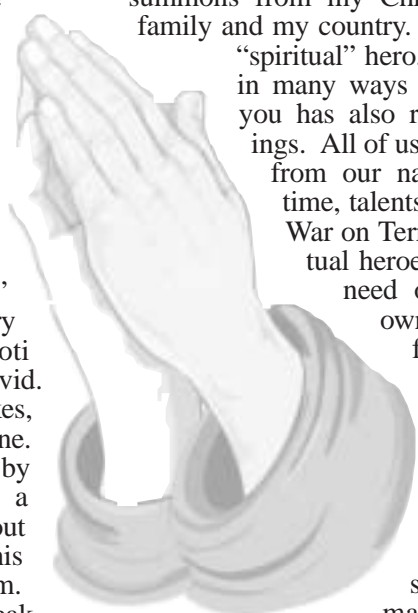
Thomas Carlyle in his book, “On Heroes, Hero-Worship and the Heroic in History,” writes, “I should say sincerity, a deep, great sincerity, is the first characteristic of all men in any way heroic.” The word “sincere” comes from the Latin, “sin cero,” meaning “without wax.” Not every stone sculptor was a Buonaroti. Michaelangelo creating a Pieta or David. Most ordinary sculptors made mistakes, chipping away a little too much stone. When this happened, they fixed it by applying a dab of wax. Therefore, a “sincere” person is someone without wax, someone that does not cover up his imperfections, but lives in spite of them. We are heroes when we confess our weaknesses, frailties and faults; then live beyond them.

“The hero is distinguished by his achievement; the celebrity by his image.” A wise general once told me that the United States military does not hire celebrity superstars. No recruiter is going to offer you the contracts of Shaquille O’Neal or LeBron James. The military doesn’t work like that. What the military does is hire ordinary people and then ask them to do extraordinary things. The military provides us the opportunity to be heroes by challenging us to do things we never dreamed pos-

sible. We are heroes when we accept the challenges of life.

In the book, “The Power of Myth, Joseph Campbell speaks of spiritual heroes, he says, “A hero is someone who has given his or her life to someone bigger than oneself.” We receive that call many times in life. I have that summons from my Christ, my church, my family and my country. I have a call to be a “spiritual” hero, to lay down my life in many ways for others. Each of you has also received similar callings. All of us have answered a call from our nation to give of our time, talents and resources to the War on Terrorism. We are spiritual heroes when we place the need of others above our own, when we sacrifice for the greater mission, the greater good.

A few years ago the Army abandoned its recruiting slogan “Be all you can be.” That slogan worked for many years. People wanted the challenge of those words. I believe God, in His bountiful grace, calls each of us to be all that we can be. I believe that He has created, redeemed and sanctified the world through His Son that we might be empowered for living, not just ordinary lives, but extraordinary heroic lives. I believe God wants us to confess our humanity, accept the challenges of life, and to accomplish the mission before us. May God bless you, the heroes who inspire, motivate and encourage each other in this endeavor and beyond.



Pet of the Week

Nugget is about one year old and is a female labrador mix. She is very playful and loves company, but is timid at first. She also enjoys long walks on the beach.

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Milly and Sandy for your home, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842. The clinic is located on W. Bultman Avenue.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Sunday School	Diamond Elementary	9:30 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum’ah	Building 610	12:30 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 610	9 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Jewish		
Friday Services	Marne	6 p.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Protestant		
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Chapel	11 a.m.
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

Volunteer Spotlight



Erika Hart



Erika Hart, a Hinesville native, by way of Panama, is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital. Hart said she volunteers to help others and gain work experience. In her free time, she enjoys bowling, picnics and fishing. Hart has two children, 8-year-old Nathaniel and 6-year-old Gabriel. If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Jan. 6 - Jan. 12

Friday, Saturday and Sunday admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children. Monday through Thursday admission is \$1.75 for adults, \$1.25 for children.

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (R)

Starring: Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth
Tonight at 7 p.m.
Bridget Jones is still happily dating human-rights lawyer Mark Darcy. But eventually she starts to notice his flaws and begins wondering if he isn't interested in his new co-worker. Bridget's love life is further complicated when her former boss and flame Daniel Cleaver arrives on the scene.
Run Time: 108minutes

The Incredibles (PG)

Starring: Animated
Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.
A dysfunctional family of famous superheroes, led by the retired and overweight Mr. Incredible, is placed in a quiet suburb by the Witness Protection Program in order to protect them from their archnemesis. But when the world is threatened, Mr. Incredible must go back to work to save the planet.
Run Time: 115 minutes

Woman Thou Art Loosed (R)

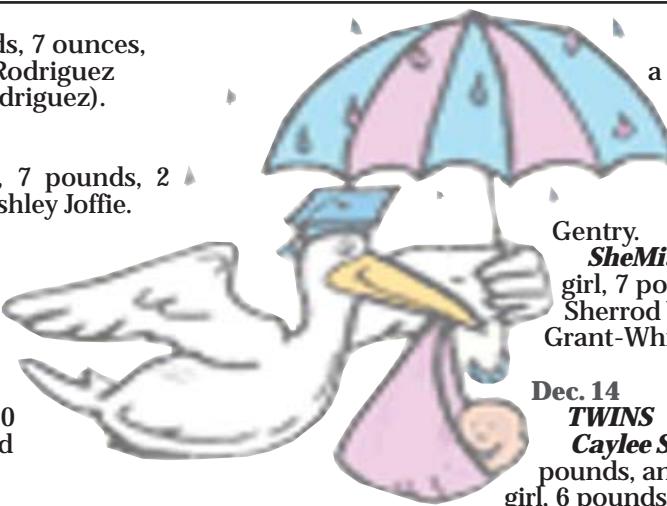
Starring: Kimberly Elise, Loretta Devine
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Michelle Jordan grows up in an environment of abuse and molestation by the hands of her mother's boyfriend. While incarcerated, Michelle sends Bishop Jakes a letter seeking a visit, and he uncovers her dark past.
Run Time: 94 minutes

FREE MATINEE PREVIEW at 1 p.m.
Racing Stripes (PG-13) Saturday
Toy Story (G) Sunday



Birth Announcements

Nov. 29
Darnell Tristan Frison, Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Darnell Frison and Ms. Alyssa Rodriguez (dependent daughter of Staff Sgt. Robert Rodriguez).
Dec. 2
Beyanka Yvette Brigeque Collins, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 pounds, born to Sgt. Clyde Collins and Sgt. Ashley Joffie.
Dec. 7
Demetrius Denzel Miles, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Craig Miles and Sheila Miles.
Dec. 12
Zackary Ryan Di Dio, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Capt. John David Di Dio and Leanna Carol Di Dio.



TWINS
Abigail Renee Gentry, a girl, 4 pounds, 10 ounces, and **Emily Ann Gentry**, a girl, 4 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Kenneth Gentry and Amy Marie Gentry.
SheMiah Devondra White, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, Pfc. Sherrod White and Pfc. Ashley Grant-White.
Dec. 14
TWINS
Caylee Shay Allen, a girl, 6 pounds, and **Chloe Sierra Allen**, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Cpl.

Steven Andrew Allen and Tara Ashley Allen
Timothy Joseph Panfil, Jr., born to Sgt. Timothy Joseph Panfil, Sr., and Monica Lee Panfil.
Abigail Kate Gibson, a girl, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Capt. Craig Gibson and Lisa Gibson.
Dec. 16
Jayvyn Mitchell Roerink, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Amanda Ann Roerink..
Ashlie Elizabeth Willson, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. John Willson and Heather Willson.
Dec. 17
Camden Michael Finch, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Stephen Michael Finch and Amanda Dawn Finch.
Dec. 19
Trinity Faith Amos, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Mr. Bernie D. Amos, III and 2nd Lt. Shaunarey Amos.